

# Timberbank Times

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## Principal's Message

During the past month, we have been very busy here at Timberbank. We were fortunate to have hosted a delegation of educators from Denmark who came to visit our school and learn about our education system. We also learned from them. They enjoyed visiting our classrooms, speaking with our students and staff and they had nothing but positive comments about our school and community. Well done Timberbank!

This month also had our Cross Country Team competing in a number of events at Thomson Park. Congratulations to all our athletes and special congrats to Jolie and Jason for representing us at the City Finals at Centennial Park this year! Many of our classes have also had Scientists in School programs and have been actively learning about flight, forces, light, sound and animal characteristics. As a school, we also had our Fall Community Clean Up to keep our Eco Promises and continue with "Walking Wednesdays". This year, we also participated in "Take Me Outside Day." Our Grade 6s visited Camp Kearney and had an amazing time learning in the outdoors.

As you may be aware, we have a newly elected trustee in our Ward, Manna Wong. We would like to thank Trustee Sotiropoulos for his hard work and commitment to students and the parent community. Trustee Sotiropoulos was an avid supporter of many of our events such as the Spring Fair and loved listening to our Band perform at our concerts. Thank you for your time and dedication to our students and our schools! We want to wish Trustee Sotiropoulos the best of luck in his future endeavours.

Parent engagement continues to be a focus for us here at Timberbank. Thank you to the many families who came and supported our "Fuel For Kids" fundraiser at Metro.

Our progress report cards will be going home on November 11th. Our parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for the evening of November 13th and on the morning of November 14th. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress (progressing very well; progressing well; or progressing with difficulty) with the classroom teacher. We are looking forward to seeing many of you during our parent-teacher interviews.

*Mrs. Anna Epitropou*



## Upcoming Dates

Nov. 10 Newcomer Kids trip to Ripley's Aquarium  
Nov. 11 REMEMBRANCE Day; Progress Reports Go Home  
Nov. 13 Parent-Teacher Interviews 4 to 8pm  
Nov. 14 NO School for Students; Parent-Teacher Interviews 8am to 12pm  
Nov. 17-21 Bullying Prevention Week  
Nov. 18 Dynamix Team-Building Activities - Grades 1 to 6  
Nov. 19 Gr 2/3s visit Black Creek Pioneer Village  
Nov. 20 Dynamix Team-Building Activities - Kindergarten  
Nov. 21 ON TRACK Assembly @ 9am / Crazy Hair Day  
Nov. 25-27 Dental Screening  
Nov. 25 Family Engagement Night @ 6:15pm  
Nov. 30 Timberbank Band performs at the Markham Flato Theatre - 2pm to 4pm  
Dec. 1 School Council Meeting at 6:30pm  
Dec. 4 Sight and Sound Screening and Movie Night  
Dec. 5 P A Day - No School and French Immersion on-line applications due for SK year

## **Fall Community Clean Up**

At Timberbank, we believe in keeping our Community clean. This is why we have committed to not only doing the Annual Spring Clean Up, but to also do one in the Fall.

This year, we collected 6.5 kg of garbage and 3 kg of recycling. It is important to keep our community clean. Remember to throw your garbage in the garbage cans and to always recycle and put food items in your Green Bin.

Abirami and Kashwine - EcoTeam Members



## **Fuel for Kids**

On October 22nd, Dave Connelly and his Team came to Timberbank. He showed us his Nascar vehicle and we learned all about how he is protected while racing in his car. He also signed individual cards for our students making them a part of his Race Team. Thanks Dave!!

After school, our community was invited to a BBQ at Metro at Warden and Finch where we had face painting, henna design, cookie and cupcake decorating along with an arts and crafts table. Thanks to Dave and Metro for donating all the food and raffle baskets. We raised \$798 that will go towards the funds our School Council is collected to rebuild a new playground structure.



## **Peanut Safe**

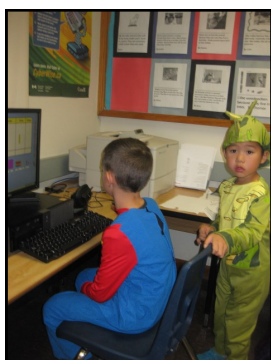
Sabrina's Law requires every school establish and maintain an anaphylactic policy that includes strategies to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents in classrooms and common school areas. As prevention is the best approach, we ask that you speak with your child about not sharing their snacks or lunches with other students and please do not send any snacks or lunches with your child that contain peanuts and/or peanut products. For more information feel free to visit:

<http://www.anaphylaxis.org/>

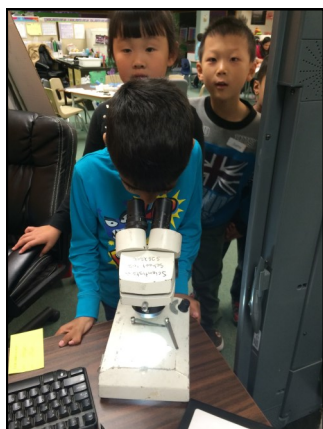


## **Halloween Fun!**

(There was still a lot of learning going on..., but we also had fun parading!!)



## Science is Alive at Timberbank!



### Reminders:

- **Cars dropping off** students need to pay attention to the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for NO Stopping. **Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank.** Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. This continues to be a significant safety concern. You are welcome to drive into the parking lot, drop off your child and continue on. Do NOT block the driveway! Please be mindful of your driving around all school neighbourhoods. We want our students and community to be SAFE!!!
- **Electronic games/devices** should not be brought to school and cell phones, if necessary, must be turned off, and secured in your child's backpack. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- **Student Safety:** During the school day, all doors to our school are locked and we ask parents and caregivers to please enter through the front doors and remember to always check in at the office. Staff washrooms are available for adult use along with a male and female washroom in the main foyer. Please do not enter student washrooms.
- **Yard Supervision** times are 8:30 to 8:45 am / 12: 25 to 12:35 pm / 3:25 to 3:40 pm. Students should not arrive earlier unless they are taking part in a supervised event. Students who go home for lunch are asked to return no earlier than 12:30 pm.
- **Dogs:** Our children deserve to play in a clean and safe environment. **Dogs are not allowed on TDSB property at any time.**
- **Playscape:** Our playscape is a very popular place before, during, and after school. If your children are playing on the equipment before and after school, please make certain that they are being supervised.



## **Parent School Council!**

We were fortunate to once again have Dave Connelly and his Nascar team to support our school through **Fuel for Kids** which took place on October 22nd at Metro. We raised \$798 that will go back to support our Council's efforts in fundraising for a new playground.

Our School Council received a PRO Grant this year and has committed to hosting two parent engagement evenings at our school. Please note:

### **An evening to focus on the Academic, Physical and Mental Well-Being of our Children**

**Parent Workshop: *How to Help Your Child Do Well in School and in Life***

**Student fitness session: *FitSmart with FitStudios***

**Where: Timberbank Jr. PS.**

**When: Tuesday November 25, 2014**

**Time: 6:15 – 7:45 pm**

Pizza dinner and refreshments will be served

Registration Forms will be coming home soon.



### **Student Absences: Safe Arrival Program**

**416-396-6860, press 1**

As part of our Safe Arrival Program, our Office Administrator, Mrs. Jean Garcia, verifies all unaccounted for absences each morning and afternoon. When your child is absent or late, please give us a call to let us know. For your convenience the Safe Arrival voice mailbox is available 24 hours a day.



All students arriving late or leaving early should sign in and/or out at the main office with a parent or designated caregiver. We appreciate your help in this matter.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS**

#### **Helpful tips to avoid the flu:**

- Get your flu shot
- Wash your hands often
- Cover your cough/sneeze
- Stay home if you're sick

Visit [toronto.ca/health](http://toronto.ca/health) to find a free flu clinic near you

There are also several notices going home from Public Health. Please take a moment to read them. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the main office.

Thank you!

### **Our Visitors from Denmark**



## Little Chefs in Mrs. Ball's and Ms Namasivayam's classes

Cooking is a great learning experience and our grade 1s and 2s enjoyed baking with their classmates. It's all about reading procedures and working as a team!



## Boys Volleyball

The season has just begun and our Boys Volleyball Team is off to a great start. Thanks to Mr. O'Connor and Ms Lai for coaching the boys. Congratulations to the team members for always showing such great sportsmanhip on the court.



### Team Members:

Javier, Muaaz, Aathrayan,  
Kajan, Victor, Dimitri,  
Kaden, & Pravin



## East Conference Cross Country Finals

Way to go Timberbank! You continue to represent us well.

Congratulations to all the students who made it to the East Finals and of course, to Jolie and Jason for making it to the City Finals.



# Girls Club

## Our Experience: We Scare Hunger

Together with our teachers the Girls Club decided that we would take on the *We Scare Hunger Food Drive* as our local community initiative. As soon as we registered, we got right to work. We started making boxes for people to put their non-perishable food items in. We made posters to advertise our event. We researched and made informative announcements each morning to encourage the people in our school to bring in as many non-perishable food items they could, and we even held a school-wide competition for the class who brings in the most items.

We learned that many people were turned away by their local food banks because there wasn't enough food. We were surprised by the number of people who go hungry in our neighborhood alone. We really wanted to help people get enough food to eat. Our Girls Club members feel proud that we are making a difference in the world, starting right here at home. We are excited about helping others, just like us, to have a better chance at living without hunger. We all had so much fun organizing and helping with the food drive this Halloween. We feel good inside our hearts because we are making a difference!

### From the Girls Club.



Thanks to everyone for participating in this great event. We collected close to 500 food items for Agincourt Community Services. Congratulations to Mr. Rands's class for collecting the most items!!

## *Take Me Outside Day*

All of our classes this year agreed to take part in the "Take Me Outside Day" on Wednesday, October 29th. Though it was a cool and brisk day everyone enjoyed learning for at least an hour in the outdoors. As part of their math and science lessons, Mr. Mirshahi's class had the following to share:

"We are doing math and helping the trees by mulching them." by Om and Aswin

Well done everyone!!



## *Officer Burns and Officer Bednarczyk Visit Timberbank*



Today at school (November 6th) we had two Police Officers visit us. They taught us about emergencies and safety rules. We learned about what we are supposed to do if we ever get lost and we were taught that we should call 911 if we have an emergency of our own. Also, we were taught that it is important to know our parents first and last names, the street we live on and when our birthday and birth year is. We also learned that we are to stay away from strangers and we talked about which people are safe to ask for help. Finally, we

were reminded of the importance of making an emergency plan at home with our parents in case an accident happens.

We had a great morning with the Police Officers! - Written by Hishany & Miki

